

DERELICT SIGHTED

Incoming Schooner Reports Vessel Bottom Up.

NAME COULD NOT BE MADE OUT

Ship About Eighty-five Feet in Length and Newly Painted—British Schooner Damaged in Gale Puts In for Repairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The schooner Sacramento reached this port today 2 days from the Russian River, bringing news of a wrecked schooner which was sighted December 23, bottom side up. The Sacramento bore down to investigate, and found the derelict to be a vessel about 85 feet in length, with a new copper-painted bottom. The stern was well out of the water, the hull was white, and there was a black oval name board painted yellow, and the words "San Francisco" showing, but the name of the schooner was too deep in the water to be seen.

The Sacramento experienced several severe gales, and December 15 was almost wrecked by a heavy sea. In order to save the vessel, a portion of the deck load was thrown overboard. Of the five schooners which left Gray's Harbor together December 5 and passed through the terrific gales which raged on that coast the following three weeks, the C. T. Hill and Jennie Stella have reached this port and the Reporter has been towed into Port Townsend. The A. J. West and the Eva are still to be heard from. The Jennie Stella reached port tonight and reports that she was damaged by a heavy gale caused the schooner to spring a leak, and it was necessary to throw overboard 100,000 feet of lumber. The British schooner Enterprise, disabled as the result of a gale from the northern coast, put in here tonight for repairs. The captain reports that December 15 and 16 the schooner experienced terrific seas with a high, confused sea, which stove in the boat and skylight, and flooded the cabin. It was impossible to make a northern port, and the Enterprise headed for San Francisco.

TO PRESERVE LANDMARK.

Move to Buy Building Where First Washington Legislature Met.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 30.—Hon. Allen Weir, the first Secretary of the State of Washington, died at his home in this city in the preservation of the old Gold Bar Restaurant, the building in which was held the first session of the Legislature in 1852. Mr. Weir is in receipt of subscriptions for various parts of the state, to be devoted to the purchase of the now historical building. The structure is very old and rickety, but with careful repairing, it is thought it can be removed to some other place and strengthened and used as a meeting place of pioneers or Native Sons of Washington.

The City Council will be asked to allow the old building to be located at the foot of Washington street, which would mean only a short removal.

At the time the first Legislature was held there were but seven counties in the territory, and these counties were represented as follows: Clark—F. A. Chenoweth, H. R. Crossley, A. T. Bolen, J. D. Shiles, A. L. Lewis, Island—S. D. Howe, D. F. Bloomfield, King—A. A. Denny, Lewis—H. D. Huntington, John R. Jackson, Pacific—J. Scudder.

Pierce—J. M. Chapman, H. C. Mosely, L. F. Thompson. Thurston—D. Shelton, L. D. Durgin, O. E. Hale, Ira Ward.

Of the House, H. A. Chenoweth was chosen Speaker, and B. F. Kendall chief clerk.

The Council was composed of the following members: President, J. M. Crossley; Clark—D. F. Bradford, William H. Tappan; Island and Jefferson—William T. Layman; Pierce and King—George N. McConaha, Lafayette Balch; Lewis and Pacific—Henry Miles, Seth Catlin; Thurston—D. R. Bigelow, B. F. Yantis; G. N. McConaha was president, and H. Frost, of Lewis County, secretary.

Of the above list, Hon. D. R. Bigelow still lives in Olympia, and Ira Ward in Tumwater.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Antone Petros, Prominent Vancouver Citizen.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 30.—Antone Petros, a prominent hotel and restaurant keeper of this place, died at St. Joseph's Hospital here last night. He had been in poor health for several months, but had been confined to his room only a few days. He insisted upon going to the hospital, and despite the efforts of his wife and friends, walked there from the United States Hotel, his home, shortly after noon yesterday. It was not until then that his wife realized his true condition. He sank rapidly and died about 10 o'clock.

Deceased was born in Austria in 1853. He came to America about 25 years ago, locating first in California. A few years later he came to Portland, where he followed the occupation of cook. In 1881 he moved here and opened a restaurant, and had been prominent in business circles here since that time. He leaves a wife and one child. The funeral will take place from Odd Fellows' Hall at 3 o'clock tomorrow, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Men lodges.

CARNIVAL WAS COMPLETE SUCCESS

Good Result of Marshfield Mid-Holiday Fair.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 30.—The mid-holiday carnival closed last night with a minstrel performance at the Opera-House by local talent. The fair throughout was a complete success, a large crowd being in attendance each of the three days. Friday, the principal day, Miss Addie Snyder was crowned Queen. Her sister, Elsie Hazard officiating. Mayor Anderson delivered over the keys of the city. The coronation took place upon a throne erected for the purpose. The Queen reviewed a military and fancy drill by 50 young ladies in fancy costumes, under direction of Miss Rebecca Luse. The Queen's friends of honor were the Misses Alice Alken, Alice Butler, Gladys Brown and Maude Reed. The weather throughout was perfect, and the attendance larger than expected. Fully 5000 people were present Friday.

Rich Alaska Pincer Strike.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—According to advices from Dawson, a pincer strike was reported December 7 on the left limb of French Gulch, one panning running 210, while an average run of the day-streak was obtained running from 11 to 15 to the pan.

Attempted Suicide.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—Earl W. Schlichter of the Omega Mercantile Company, attempted suicide at Dawson December 5.

Committed Suicide.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—Steve Hol-

gate, a gambler, committed suicide in the Gold Hill Hotel, at Grand Forks, December 6, by taking morphine.

Oregon Notes.

Coquille has several cases of chicken-pox.

Baker City police are running hobos out of town.

A curd of pipe for the Baker City waterworks arrived Friday.

Miss Addie Snyder was Queen of the Marshfield Carnival last week.

Ninety Danes have gathered their homes west of Eugene since last fall.

The Belgian hare craze is dying at The Dalles, according to the Chronicle.

The entertainment given at Astoria for the benefit of Harry Twilight netted \$100.

The Booth-Kelly Hospital at Eugene will open January 1, according to contract.

Quince Davis, who was seriously injured recently at the Coos Bay Jetty, is recovering.

Construction of the new St. Elizabeth Hospital, at Baker City, will begin in the Spring.

A large quantity of mistletoe has been shipped from Southern Oregon to Portland lately.

The Grate A. O. U. W. is said to be contemplating construction of a \$10,000 lodge building.

The steam shovel at Natron broke down Thursday and was taken to Portland for repairs. It returns Saturday.

In Sumpter's new charter, the ratio of city indebtedness to assessed valuation has been limited to 10 per cent.

The Farmers' Institute, that was to have been held at Wells January 3, has been postponed to February.

The men who carried out the dead Chinaman that succumbed near Cannon Beach received \$50 for the work.

Travel has resumed over the Lewis and Clark road, Clatsop County, and the break in the dike has been repaired.

Marshfield Presbyterians have purchased property at Third and A streets, to which they will move their church.

A register has been placed at Mohawk Junction, one mile east of Springfield, where trains record arrival and departure.

The Benton County bar will meet at Corvallis January 12, to make preparations for observance of John Marshall day.

The road from Miami bridge to Garibaldi is obstructed with drift logs, and it is possible to get by them only at low tide.

J. Johnson has resigned his position as president and director of the Bank of Seio, and E. P. Cadwell has been elected in his place.

A petition has been circulated among the principal business men of Lone Rock, Gilliam County, to raise money to build a footbridge across the creek.

A barn belonging to John Reith, of the Lewis and Clark River, Clatsop County, was blown over recently. Four head of stock were killed in the ruins, but none was injured.

The store of the Coquille Mill & Tug Company, at Parkersburg, was burned Tuesday night. Only the books and papers were saved, and the loss was with difficulty the mill was preserved.

There are 427 pupils enrolled at the public schools in Milton this year. This is not taking into account 50 Milton school children attending Columbia College.

A second year class in the year gave Milton 500 persons of school age.

A petition is being circulated on Granite and Bully Creeks to have the Ukiah-Low creek mill changed to run up Meadow Creek as far as Bringham's Station, and thence west to Ritter, and to have a postoffice established at Bringham's.

The Tillamook Headlight says that citizens in the Little Nestucca country want to be annexed to Yamhill County, while others want the county divided and a new county created, the dividing line to be north of Beaver, at Bloom's place.

An accident happened to the stage Thursday night in Adams Canyon, says the Antelope Republican, which resulted in severely injuring Roe Grimes, who was on the seat with the driver. The king-slit rock, allowing the tongue to drop, and the wheels collided with a telephone pole, which broke and fell on Mr. Grimes' head, cutting a gash in his head and knocking him senseless.

The annual election of officers of the L. G. Grand Old Commercial Club took place Friday evening, and resulted as follows: Robert Smith, president; William Miller, first vice-president; Thomas Walsh, second vice-president; J. W. Scriber, treasurer; and W. B. Palmer, secretary. These gentlemen filled the same offices last year. The board of directors is as follows: T. N. Murphy, B. F. Wilson, F. L. Meyer, A. A. Denny, J. W. Scriber, Dr. D. L. Beavis, Turner Oliver, A. T. Hill and Fred Curran.

During the recent storm, the Cannon Beach residence of S. I. Adair was lifted from its foundation. On the same beach the porch of the Walters cottage was blown down, and was also the wing of one of the Flanders cottages north of Elk Creek. The high sea have made wonderful havoc on the coast, and the beaching of the creek, and between Silver Point and Humburg the sand has entirely disappeared, exposing the rocks for a distance of nearly half a mile. Between the points named, the tide now washes up to the bank, and travel is therefore very difficult when the tide is in.

Oregon Industries.

Eugene will have another steam laundry.

A cold-storage plant will be built at Astoria.

The Elgin electric light plant shut down last week for repairs.

Ten carloads of potatoes were shipped East from Imbler last week.

A dealer at Seio shipped out five tons of lumber in the Christmas trade.

Many sheep are reported to be dying of leech in the hills south of Starport.

C. W. Nesely last week shipped two carloads of apples from La Grande to Chicago.

The first coal bunker is being built at Hiverton, Coos County, for loading the Mandanias.

R. T. Snell last week at Arlington sold 200 sacks of wheat to the Balfour-Guthrie warehouse.

It is said the stage line between Canyon City and Mitchell may change hands in the near future.

S. D. Fletcher, of Condon, last Monday sold to the Arlington warehouse 1400 sacks of wheat for the Christmas trade.

The Lillian coal mine, on Coos River, was closed down several days ago on account of high water.

The Shaniko Warehouse Company recently decided to enlarge its warehouse to double its present capacity.

Dr. A. Sharples, of Lane County, sold his prune crop this year at 5¢ cents to Eastern buyers. The hard winter a few years ago killed about 200 of his trees, but he has a crop of about 1000 bushels.

He has one of the best drying plants in the state. Eight thousand pounds of fruit have been cured in one day with three cords of wood.

Asiatic Islands for Sale.

Paris Messenger.

Keboan, an island in Tonkin, supposed to be rich in coal, is in the market, and he put up at auction in Paris on February 3 at a price of 200,000 francs. It has a superficies of about 25,000 acres, and, in addition to its deposits of anthracite, has a railway of nine miles, connecting the mines with a seaport. The island was conceded absolutely some time back to M. Jean Dupuis, a French explorer, who formed a company to work it in 1858, with a capital of 1,500,000 francs, increased in 1862 to 5,000,000 francs. The undertaking did not realize expectations. There is no price for the shares of 30 francs, and the company proposes to be dissolved, setting rid of this white elephant.

FOR NEW NORMAL SCHOOL

STATE TO BE ASKED TO FOUND ONE AT BURNS.

Representative Geer Will Introduce Bill at Coming Legislature—Corbett His Choice for Senator.

BURNS, Or., Dec. 30.—I. S. Geer, Joint Representative from Malheur and Harney Counties, will leave tomorrow for Portland and Salem, to remain until after the session of the Legislature. He was asked for his views upon the question now prominent in the public mind in regard to the coming session. Mr. Geer said:

"Of course, I regard matters pertaining to the welfare and development of Harney and Malheur Counties as having first claim upon my attention. There are several such, and if opportunity be favorable I shall secure their enactment into laws. The rapidly developing agricultural interests of Harney County were so strikingly illustrated by the exhibits found at the recent meeting of the Harney County Fair Association that I believe our agriculture, like that of other sections of the state, should be given financial aid. To properly conduct annual exhibitions of the section's product is

GALLERY OF NEW MEMBERS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE



GILBERT L. HEDGES, REPRESENTATIVE FROM CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 30.—Gilbert Hedges, Representative from Clackamas County, was born in Canaan, Or., in 1874. His mother, a daughter of Dr. William Allen, crossed the plains from Palmyra, Mo., in 1850. Two years later Joseph Hedges, his father, came to Oregon from Ohio. At the age of 15 the son was sent to Phillips Academy, at Andover, Mass. Three years later he graduated from the institution. In the Fall of 1892 he entered the freshman class of Yale University, from which institution he graduated in 1896. After receiving his degree, Mr. Hedges decided to study law, and in September, 1896, entered Yale Law School. Mr. Hedges worked diligently, and succeeded in completing the three years' course in two years. At the commencement exercises, held in College-street Hall, New Haven, Conn., June 27, 1898, he was awarded the Townsend prize of \$100, a prize awarded each year to that member of the graduating class who shall write and pronounce the best oration. After receiving the degree, of L. B. Mr. Hedges returned to Oregon, and was admitted to the bar and at present is a practicing attorney of this place. He was elected to the Legislature on the Citizens ticket.

rather too great a task for private enterprise, when it is considered that the labor and expense involved must largely be given without hope of remuneration. In order that the efficiency of our country may be increased from year to year, I shall ask that the present organization be given the aid of a state appropriation, to be made to a district comprising Harney County.

"Special laws have been for a long time demanded by the various livestock industries here, and if they can be arranged with justice to all conflicting interests, it will be well to secure the passage of such measures as are desired. This is with reference to the questions of restrictions upon migratory stock, and of a compulsory road-church tax.

"For the benefit of educational interests I shall ask that an appropriation be made for the establishment and maintenance of a State Normal School at Burns.

"You may be sure that I will not neglect any opportunity to resist any proposal that may be made to repeal the present scalp bounty law, which is, directly to Eastern Oregon and indirectly to Western Oregon, a matter of public policy. I deem it a matter of justice to the large interests particularly subject to the destructive pests which the present law is designed to exterminate.

"I have no measure in view which will ask for the patronage of the state without giving in return full promise of netting to the state, in the development of our section, a reasonable return in the way of increased taxable property, resulting from a proper fostering of legitimate business and industrial pursuits, and, while I shall assiduously endeavor to obtain such benefits for ourselves, I would not object to similar favors being extended elsewhere for like purposes.

"I am in favor of the present nomination law, if one of general practicality can be submitted. Or, if it be possible to adapt such a measure to the uses of the larger districts and counties without disturbing the present conditions in the less densely populated sections, then such a law would receive my support.

"Being in full sympathy with the development of the inland Empire, I would support any resolution or memorial to Congress that would tend to hasten in a practical way the opening of the Columbia and Snake Rivers to continuous, or approximately continuous, navigation to the sea.

"I would also earnestly support any memorial urging Congress to expedite legislation looking to the reclamation of our arid lands, and the early construction of an irrigation canal."

Asked as to his preference for United States Senator, Mr. Geer said: "It is my intention to cast my vote for Hon. W. W. Corbett." Mr. Geer did not express his opinion upon the caucus question. He said, however, that, as he was not in anywise ashamed of his preference for United States Senator, he did not care who knew that his vote would be cast for Mr. Corbett.

FAVORS IRRIGATION EXTENSION.

Senator Johnston Desires That Oregon Take Advantage of Carey Act.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 30.—T. H. Johnston, Joint Senator for Wasco and Sherman Counties, states that his attention has been called to the Carey act, and he heartily turned to all needs of his district, especially in regard to the extension of irrigation throughout the arid lands of the state, and the protection of the fishing industry on the Columbia River. He favors the adoption of the Carey Irrigation law, whereby the United States Government will grant to the State of Oregon 1,000,000 acres of arid and desert land on condition that the state in turn will grant permits to irrigation com-

panies to build ditches on the tracts available for such improvement. Upon completion of this work the land will be thrown open to settlement, each landholder being entitled to 160 acres, to which he can gain title by reclaiming and tilling. In a similar manner under which the present homestead laws are operated, the irrigation companies charging the settlers upon the benefited lands a stipulated price for water drawn from the operating ditches thereon. In this manner thousands of acres of land now lying idle and useless in Eastern Oregon might be transformed into the richest farming sections, thereby providing for an increased immigration of settlers and adding large tracts of much-needed pasture-land to the state.

Regarding the choice of a United States Senator, Senator Johnston listens to many questions, making little response, allowing his questioners to await the casting of his ballot. In the matter of Senatorial caucus, he expresses a positive opinion as to its efficacy in bringing about speedy and satisfactory elections at the earliest possible moment.

Oregon Mining Notes.

The new boiler for the Badger mine, at Susanville, has arrived at its destination.

Colonel J. T. Grayson has bought the Last Chance mine, in Cable Cove, for \$2500.

Two carloads of mining machinery for the Cornucopia mines arrived at Baker City Friday.

The discovery of two new veins of ore

FIRE AT THE DALLES

EARLY MORNING BLAZE CAUSES LOSS OF \$3500.

Livery Stable Destroyed and Saloon Damaged—Many Other Buildings Threatened for a Time.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 30.—The livery stable of William Isabell was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock this morning. The blaze gave the firemen a sharp tussle before it was controlled. When first discovered the stable had complete possession of the second story of the stable, and soon broke through the roof and scattered burning hay about the surrounding roofs. The heavy frost and wet condition of all the buildings saved much property, as the barn was situated in a block crowded with small frame buildings, and within one door of the Coody warehouses. The O. R. & N. Co.'s freight depot, just back of the stable, was also threatened by the fire, but was saved from serious damage by the effective work of the firemen, who had five streams turned on the menaced buildings.

The stable burned, owned by W. Lord, is a total loss. It was valued at \$3000. The horses and most of the vehicles were saved. Several sleighs and old traps were burned, adding perhaps \$500 to the loss.

Ben Wilson's saloon, the adjoining building, was damaged in the sum of \$700. Insurance on either building is unknown.

IDAHO-MONTANA RAILROAD.

Reason to Believe That Midland Deal Will Go Through.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 30.—Secretary of State Patrick has today from a trip to New York. He states he met a number of men interested in the Midland Railroad project and has every reason to believe that the deal for the necessary money will go through in a very few days, and that work on the line, which is to run from Boise, Idaho, to Butte, Mont., will begin not later than February 1, 1901.

Whatever that T. W. Bates, the promoter, has the matter in hand and that the road is assured.

Idaho Notes.

A city park at Weiser is being discussed.

A Judge of Foresters will be organized at Grangeville.

The Western Signal has issued a very creditable New Year's edition.

Rural mail delivery boxes have been shipped for the route from Weiser.

The Pacific & Idaho Northern has reached a point eight miles from Council Bluffs.

The Lewiston G. A. R. has been given the grade of 1st class for its meetings.

The Kamiah eleven and the Red Men's team will play a game of football New Year's for \$50.

Louis Dupuis has been sentenced at Moscow to 15 months at hard labor at Boise for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Lewiston has drawn warrants for about \$1300 for street improvement, which extends from the Snake River bridge to Fifth street.

Ten thousand sacks of barley were shipped over the Northern Pacific from Lewiston Valley to the Milwaukee breweries Saturday. This grain was collected by the Lewiston and Lapwai merchant, at Lewiston and Lapwai.

The contest case at Moscow of the will of the late John Snyder has been decided. Charles Snyder, brother of the deceased, who was named in the will and who contested it, receives half the property, and the German heirs the other half.

Twenty-three carloads of apples have been shipped from Troy this season; also three cars of pears. Three carloads of prunes have been shipped from Clyde's Spuz. There are fully 30 cars more of apples and several of dried prunes. The bulk of apples are being shipped to Chicago.

James Sheehan shot and seriously wounded his daughter at a mining claim in Forcunipe district. His sluce boxes were robbed of gold during several times. He kept a watch and shot the thief. It proved to be his daughter, dressed in man's clothes. The girl was trying to get money to elope with a young man whom her father objected. Her wound is not fatal.

Notice of the location of the Black Diamond gold quartz claim by William W. Williams and G. A. Williams has been filed in the county clerk's office at Spring gulch, one mile from Snake River.

Lester Coffin shipped over the Northern Pacific 13 cars of sheep from Lewiston Thursday. The shipment numbered 328 head, and they will be placed in the range in the Yakima country, to be shipped to Chicago in the Spring. Coffin Bros. now have 20,000 head of sheep in the Yakima country and have during the past year shipped 600 lambs to the Chicago market.

The Northern Pacific bridge gang is at work on the bridges on the hill between the Snake River and the Mountain district. The gang is making needed repairs in the way of trussing the bridge to prevent possible damage from Spring floods. The 600-foot bridge four miles above Kendrick is being repaired with the aid of the Army Engineers. After this is completed it is said the approaches will be ripped up with large rocks and filled.

John Zerbach has some of the finest ore yet seen from Iron Mountain district, near the Weiser Signal. It is a beautiful sulphide of copper yielding 20 per cent value, and is from the Monumental, on which he has run a tunnel 70 feet, cutting 100 feet of net depth. On the Magdalena he has a tunnel in 40 feet and an open cut 20 feet, showing 12 per cent carbonate and sulphide ore. The Bald Mountain mine from the original owners to the new Bald Mountain Company, represented by E. S. McCallum. The consideration is said to have been \$50,000.

Three carloads of machinery were received at Sumpter Friday, two for the Bald Mountain Company, containing general mill machinery for the 20-stamp mill, and one for the Columbia Mining Company, containing the new sinking pump for the 600-foot shaft.

The Baby McKee Gold Mining Company has three eight-hour shifts at work at Cable Cove. A 200-foot tunnel is being run to crosscut the Cincinnati, Chloride and Baby McKee ledges. On Thursday last Burleigh drills were set in operation in the tunnel. A force of 23 mines is employed.

The news has reached Baker City by letter from Cleveland, O., that the Yum Yum Gold Mining Company, of that city, has purchased for \$50,000 the Gunner Corbett mine, in the Columbia district, and that it will begin extensive work on the property in the Spring.

Byron Sberbondy has four claims in the Quartzburg district, of which the Hawkeye is the largest. On this claim a 200-foot crescent tunnel has been run to tap the main ledge, and the whole distance of this tunnel stringers of oxide of copper have been struck till run from the Hawkeye to the Columbia.

It will soon start a 100-foot tunnel to tap the 76-foot surface ledge of the Copperopolis, which claim is an extension of the Hawkeye.

E. E. Ingersoll, manager of the Merritt & Canadian Mining Company, Ltd., arrived in Grant's Pass Thursday evening, says the Mining Journal, and left the following morning to examine some property in the south end of the county. He said: "Yes, we have already ordered five more stamps for our mill, which will give us 10 stamps. We have now reached a depth of 60 feet on our property, and are pleased with the showing it is making."

er, is one of the best-known men of the state. He has been very prominently identified with the development of Idaho's resources. For a great many years he lived at Silver City and was a leader in the opening of the railway that section, and realized a large fortune from the Trade Dollar and other properties. More recently he has made his home at Idaho Falls and is engaged in railway building and the promotion of the general interests of that section of the country. He owns the Boise, Nampa & Owyhee Railroad, and is building a road north from Nampa through the Idaho Northern. He is just finishing a hotel in Nampa.

Washington Notes.

The number of smallpox patients at Spokane is diminishing.

Catholic Spokane will issue a weekly paper, called the Herald.

Spokane bicycle repairers will adopt a uniform schedule of charges.

Friday evening at Spokane J. Z. Smith was held up and robbed of \$17.

The case left by the late John Sullivan in Seattle, has been appraised at \$47,200.75.

Two Walla Walla physicians removed the entire thyroid gland from a patient last week.

The city of Simons cemetery, north of North Yakima, is to be moved. The graves will be transferred to the Taboma, or City cemetery.

The number of divorces granted in 1900 in Pierce County was 125, and of marriage licenses issued 542.

Smallpox has developed among the Indians in Kallispell Valley, about 50 miles north of Spokane, and the settlers are much alarmed.

Smallpox of Ballard, will erect a double block and shingle mill this winter on land near Traflet, on the new line of railroad.

It is stated that a scheme is planned to turn the south end of the Kootenai over into Lake Whatcom by ditching and by building an aqueduct.

A shingle-weaver by the name of Ralph Shoemaker suffered the loss of all his fingers except the thumb on his right hand, while at Bryant Saturday morning.

The Seish Valley Irrigating Canal Company has authorized its local manager, Hon. Ira P. Englehart, to expend \$30,000 this spring in improving and enlarging the canal.

Word has been received at Aberdeen that the memorial sent to Congress for a Gray's Harbor appropriation will be entered as an amendment to the river and harbor bill.

County Fruit Inspector von Holderbeke condemned and burned a shipment of 120 fruit trees from Missouri at Snohomish last week on account of their infection with the apple scab.

A young man of Everett named Shady met with a serious accident Thursday. He was splitting firewood with a double-bit ax, and on the up stroke the implement struck him on the forehead, cutting a deep gash.

Burglars at Tacoma entered the home of Rev. F. L. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Friday night, and carried off \$1000 worth of valuables, including several other burglaries were committed in the residence portion of the city.

Billy Robinson lost his way on Slate Creek trails last week, and was compelled to camp in the woods for several nights. When found by his friends next day his feet and hands were badly frozen, and may have to be amputated.